

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Operations Division
Health Services Policy and Procedure #P-I-02.2

SUBJECT: INVOLUNTARY MEDICATIONS

POLICY: Health Services will ensure a safe system is in place to provide guidelines to institution staff to proceed with the administration of involuntary psychotropic medication. This policy only applies to institutions that have on-site Behavioral Health Services staff.

REFERENCE: NCCHC Standard P-I-02
Health Services Policy and Procedure #P-I-02.1
OAR: 291-064-0700

PROCEDURE:

- A. The process for involuntary medications is pursued when the treating prescriber determines the need for sustained treatment for a chronic mental illness and the inmate cannot provide legal consent.
- B. Per Health Services Policy P-I-02.1 – Tracking Medication Compliance on Crucial Mental Health Inmates – Behavioral Health Services (BHS) staff maintains a list of inmates that includes those who have physician’s orders for involuntary medication.
- C. The prescribing practitioner will write a Physician Order for involuntary medications and this order applies to all psychotropic medications ordered for the inmate.
- D. If the inmate does not take the medication voluntarily, the BHS Manager will be notified by medical so that the case can be discussed with the BHS prescriber and the Medical Service Manager. If needed, the Chief Psychiatrist is available for consultation as well.
- E. A decision will be made which can range from “wait and watch” to forced medication.
- F. If it’s determined that forced medication is necessary, the Officer-in-Charge will be notified to assist in determining what additional security resources will be needed as well as the safest place in the institution to administer the medication.
- G. Security staff will secure the inmate per security procedures to provide for safety of both the staff and inmate.

Involuntary Medications

- H. A nurse will administer the injection using proper technique. OAR 291-124-0700 covers the nurse's liability to administer involuntary medication.
- I. Security will release the inmate per security procedures.
- J. The incident will be thoroughly documented in the inmate's health care record.

Effective Date: _____

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